



Application form:  
Community Planning Program and  
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2015

This application form is online at [www.rtachicago.com/applications](http://www.rtachicago.com/applications). You may submit the form by email to [applications@rtachicago.com](mailto:applications@rtachicago.com).

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant: Village of Monee, Illinois

2. Main Contact for Application:

Name: Ruben Bautista

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Email: RBautista@VillageOfMonee.org

3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):

☒ Local government

☐ Multijurisdictional group\* ☐ Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

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☐ Nongovernmental organization\* ☐ Name of local government partner(s):

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\*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP, RTA, or CCDPH prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

#### 4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP, RTA, or CCDPH.)

- ☒ My project involves preparation of a plan.
- ☐ My project helps to implement a past plan.
- ☒ My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- ☒ My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- ☐ My project is a bicycle, pedestrian, or active transportation plan in suburban Cook County.
- ☐ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

#### 5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements):

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

☒ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

#### 6. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

The project area would include planning for the entire village, but focus would be in the areas where public transportation is near or intersects with the Village.

#### 7. Project Description:

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

The Village of Monee is seeking funding to update the Village's comprehensive plan through the 2016 Community planning and Technical Assistance program. As a large part of the comprehensive plan update, the village would like to include planning for increased access to public transportation to the village including Metra, plan parking for access to public transportation, address limited access to pedestrians for East and West movement in the village, and plan safer interactions for bicycle, pedestrian, and motorized traffic. An up to date plan would help align Monee with GO TO 2040.

In addition, the plan will address future growth, targets for commercial and retail development, and Village resident quality of life. Residents and visitors to the village have very limit access to the public transportation system. Currently the only access is to drive 2 miles north of the city to access the Metra Station. This makes Metra access to the residents only if they own a motorized vehicle. As part of the planning process an overall comprehensive plan would be developed to include pedestrian, bicycle, and individuals without motorized transportation access to the system.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

Enclosed Exhibits:

1. Exhibit 1 – Public Transportation Access & Pedestrian Bridge
2. Exhibit 2 &3 – Park and Ride Concept & Pedestrian Bridge Concept
3. Letter of Support: Metra
4. Letter of Support: Pace

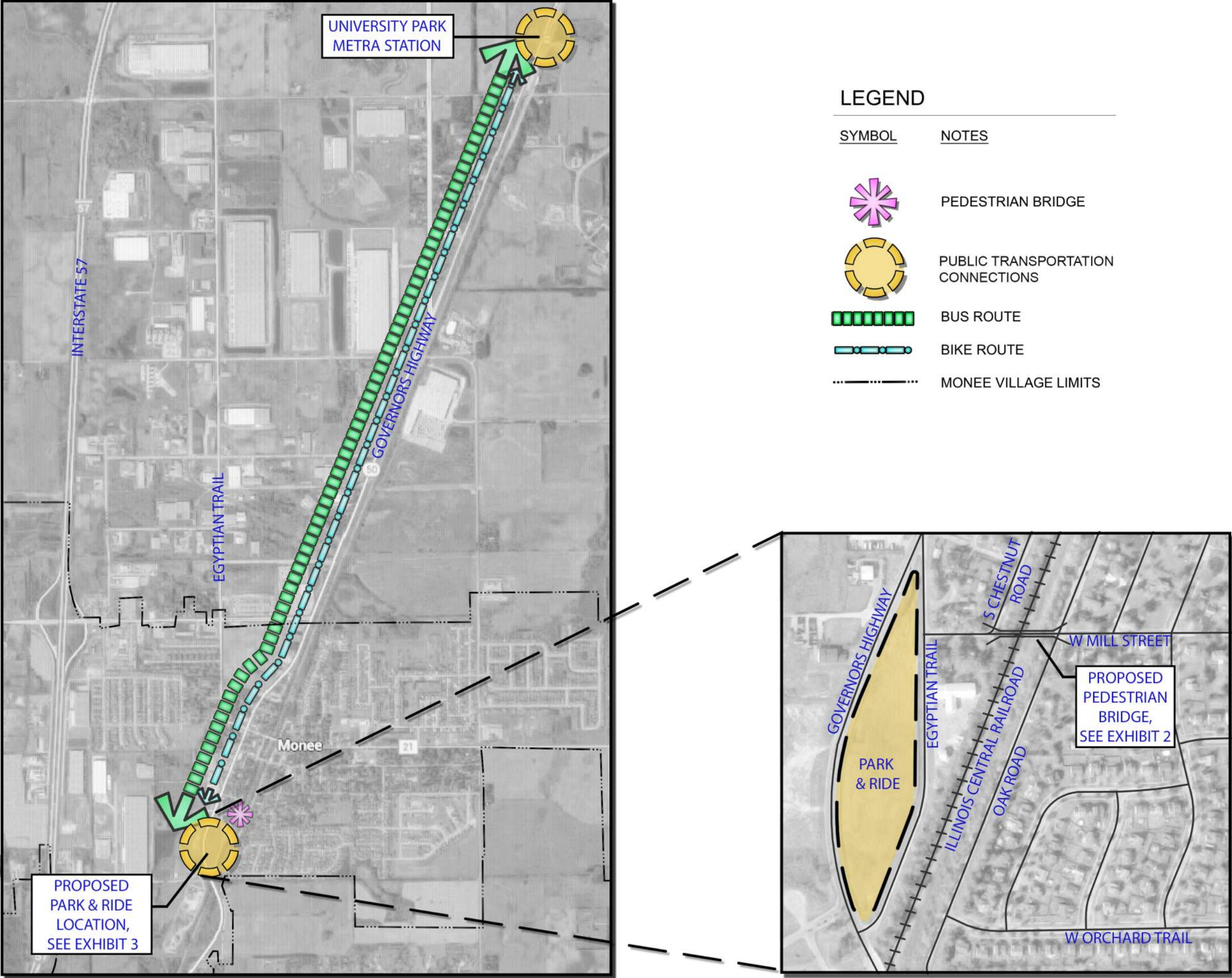


EXHIBIT 1 - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE





EXHIBIT 2 - PARK & RIDE CONCEPT



EXHIBIT 3 - PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONCEPT



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June 17, 2015

Mayor Jay Farquhar  
Village of Monee  
5130 W. Court Street  
Monee, IL 60449

Dear Mayor Farquhar:

This letter is to express Metra's support for the Village of Monee's application for a 2016 CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program grant.

This project would update the Village of Monee's existing comprehensive plan, which would likely include transit-related issues such as access in its scope. As an adjacent community to the Metra Electric District's (MED) outlying terminal in University Park, Metra service is a viable transportation option for Monee residents travelling to Chicago's Central Business District and other destinations in the south Chicago region. Planning for improved access to Metra will help make public transportation a more attractive travel option for Monee residents and potentially draw more riders to the Metra system.

Metra believes that this project would result in benefits for existing Metra riders and encourage increased utilization of the University Park station, and should be considered for Local Technical Assistance funding. Metra's support for the implementation of the study's recommendations depends on the results of the study and is subject to future funding availability. If you have any questions concerning Metra's support for this application, please contact me at (312) 322-8035 or [dkralik@metrarr.com](mailto:dkralik@metrarr.com).

Sincerely,

David Kralik  
Department Head, Long Range Planning

cc: Bob Dean, CMAP  
Lynne Corrao, Metra Community Affairs



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A Fresh Approach To Public Transportation

Thomas J. Ross  
**Executive Director**

June 12, 2015

Heather Tabbert, AICP  
Manager, Local Planning and Programs  
Regional Transportation Authority  
175 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1650  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Ms. Tabbert:

Pace supports the Village of Monee's application for the 2016 Community Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program to create a comprehensive plan.

A major component of this comprehensive plan will be increased access to public transportation, parking for access to transportation, and pedestrian and bike access within the Village. In addition, this plan will address future growth, targets for commercial and retail development, and quality of life issues for Village residents.

Pace strongly supports this plan which advances the strategies of Pace's Vision 2020 program and CMAP's GO TO 2040 Plan. We look forward to working with the Village to develop this comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Snorden, Manager  
Planning Services Department

cc: Kathy Leipold, Assistant to Mayor Farquhar